

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2167**

PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Do. No. DA 3284-9841-028

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark Anthony Howard

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For: MULTI-TIERED STRUCTURE FOR FILE SHARING BASED ON  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 22, 2007, please amend the  
application as follows.

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